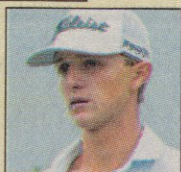


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Defendants released on time served after ruling

Coffee County Jury delivers verdicts of criminally negligent homicide in Jordan Marek death case

A Coffee County Jury last week in Elba delivered verdicts in the trial regarding the 2023 killing of then Elba High School senior Jordan Marek.

Terrance Green and DaQuann Green were on trial, accused of killing Marek. Both had been charged initially with murder.

The incident occurred in September 2023 when Marek crashed his vehicle into the garage door of a residence on Sunset Boulevard in Elba. After arriving on scene of the reported accident, first responders discovered that Marek had suffered a gunshot wound that proved fatal.

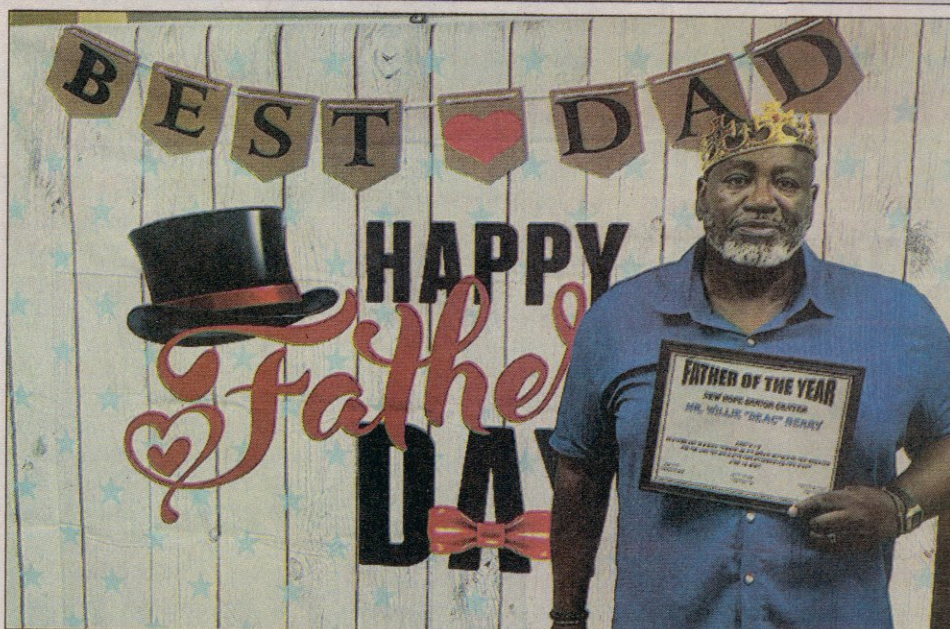


** City of Elba offices/ departments will be closed Thursday, June 19, for the Juneteenth holiday.

— second degree charge each. Circuit Judge Sonny Reagan gave the jury four possible verdicts — murder, manslaughter, criminally negligent homicide, or not guilty in the death case.

Both individuals had remained in the Coffee County Jail since their initial arrests in 2023..

The jury delivered its verdict approximately two hours after deliberations began. Both received verdicts of guilty for criminally negligent homicide, a misdemeanor, in regards to the Marek death. They received a sentence of time served and have been released from jail.



TOP DAD...Willie "Deac" Berry (pictured above) was chosen last week as the 2025 'Father of the Year' for the New Hope Senior Citizens Center. He is the father of Desmond and Martin. He was joined by his wife, granddaughter, great-granddaughter, sister, niece, and his New Hope Senior Center family for the special presentation. Berry was presented a certificate, gift basket, and a crown. Those in attendance for this special occasion enjoyed food, fun and gifts to celebrate all the men of the New Hope Senior Center.

News Brief:

Emergency responders in Coffee County worked multiple accidents from Saturday, June 14, through Monday, June 16, at the Coffee County intersection of U.S. Highway 84 and Alabama Highway 141 in the Curtis community.

Two accidents were reported the intersection on Saturday, June 14th. The first was reported at 9:57 a.m., causing the westbound lanes of Hwy. 84 to be closed while emergency responders were on scene.

That accident scene was cleared by 11:51 a.m., but emergency personnel were called back to the scene at 12:06 p.m. for the second wreck of the day. This accident scene was cleared just over an hour later at 1:17 p.m.

On Monday, June 16, an accident was reported at the same intersection at 3:03 p.m. This time both lanes of traffic were closed while emergency responders worked the wreck. The scene was cleared and Hwy. 84 reopened to traffic by 4:26 p.m. that afternoon.

Reportedly, the majority of those involved in the wrecks were out-of-state travelers.

Local emergency personnel encourages all motorists to use extreme caution when traveling through and around this intersection in Coffee County as it has been a 'hot spot' for traffic accidents for several years now, especially during the summer months.

Coffee County Jail inmate found dead Saturday morning in jail cell

On the morning of Saturday, June 14, Coffee County Sheriff Scott Byrd reported that jail staff found Diquan Lakeith Holloway unresponsive on his bunk in his cell.

"Medical staff and corrections deputies immediately began CPR and contacted Enterprise Rescue," Sheriff Byrd said. "Rescue personnel continued to attempt to revive Mr. Holloway, but those attempts were not successful."

Holloway was pronounced deceased.

Sheriff Byrd requested the Alabama Law Enforcement

Agency conduct the investigation of this incident. Further, the Sheriff, the District Attorney, and the County Coroner requested an autopsy to determine the cause of death.

Holloway, age 31, was a resident of Enterprise, Ala. He had been in the Coffee County Jail since Dec. 19, 2024, for drug trafficking, and warrants for two counts of distribution of a controlled substance, fugitive from justice and failure to appear.

The investigation is ongoing and no further information is available at this time.

After finishing on an emotional high at Lake Eufaula, the end of the Southern Collegiate Bass Series for 2024-2025, the Troy University Bass Fishing Team was pumped and ready to head to Buggs Island for the 2025 Bassmaster College Series April 30-May 1, 2025.

Kerr Lake is commonly referred to as Buggs Island Lake because the dam was built on the Roanoke River near an island owned by the descendants of Samuel Bugg. It is near the town of Clarksville, Virginia, and is Virginia's largest lake. It is more than 50,000 acres of fresh water with over 800 miles of beautiful shoreline.

After three days of practice on an uncharted lake, the Troy team headed to Oconeechee State Park for their first day of competitive fishing. According to BASSMASTER, 200 college hammers punched the throttle and probably a few energy drinks as Day One takeoff lit up Buggs Island on the morning of April 30.

On day one five of Troy's teams caught their five-fish limit.

Once again on May 1, the Troy teams headed out with determination to bag some big ones in those unknown waters. At the end of the day, five of the teams had caught a total of over twenty pounds each. However, this was not enough for a check.

According to Coffee County's own Avery Padgett, this was not the week they had hoped for at the second Collegiate Bassmaster Open on Buggs Island. He said they had had one of the best practices they had had all year, and everything seemed



The Troy University Bass Fishing Team duo of Avery Padgett and Kasen Pemberton are shown here with their fish from the 2025 Collegiate Bass Fishing Championship held at Lake Hartwell in South Carolina.

to be going in their favor. However, when derby day rolled around, they just could not get any quality bites. Although they weighed in a small limit each day, it was disappointing after such a productive practice.

Following their Buggs Island disappointing experience and an accident near midnight in the Atlanta traffic on the way back to Troy (no one was injured although one angler's truck and boat had to be towed due to another motorist's hauling a mattress which blew off and hit his truck), the Troy University team remained focused in an effort to turn their struggle bus around at the American Collegiate Bass Fishing National Championship.

The 2025 Collegiate Bass Fishing Championship pre-

sented by Bass Pro Shops was the Collegiate Anglers' historic 20th National Championship. College fishing's longest-running National Championship, hosted a field of close to 400 elite college anglers who were contested at Lake Hartwell in Anderson, South Carolina, May 22-23. Among these anglers were six anglers from Troy University. The Troy Club had earned enough points for three spots in this tournament; the top three teams

Elba's annual "Let Freedom Ring" community event set for Thursday evening, July 3, in downtown Elba

Elba, Alabama is gearing up for an unforgettable Independence celebration, "Let Freedom Ring," set for Thursday, July 3, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on the courthouse square (230 Court Avenue).

This year's festivities promise a blend of cherished traditions and modern entertainment, all designed to honor America's founding principles.

A Nod to History: John Adams' Vision for Independence Day

Ever wondered why our Independence Day celebrations are filled with parades, games, and fireworks? Look

no further than John Adams. Even before the Declaration of Independence was signed, Adams envisioned how the nation would commemorate its birth. In a letter to his wife, Abigail, on July 3, 1776, he wrote that the occasion should be celebrated "with Parade, with Shews, Games, Bells, and Illuminations from one end of this Continent to the other from this time forward forever more."

His vision came to life in July 1777, with the first commemorative Independence Day marked by a parade, entertainment, games, and fireworks, culminating in

the ringing of church bells. Elba is proudly carrying on this historic tradition.

What to Expect at Elba's "Let Freedom Ring"

The evening kicks off at 6:30 p.m. with a walking and golf cart parade, starting at the library and winding its way around the court square. Attendees can look forward to lively professional entertainment from the Moonlighters band as they swing all into freedom!

For a true taste of old-fashioned fun, Elba's Masonic Lodge will be sponsoring free watermelon slices, and families can participate in classic contests like watermelon eating, and seed spitting. The festival will also feature a fun free kids zone bounce houses and a variety of food vendors to satisfy every craving.

The grand finale will be a spectacular fireworks display by Mike Holderfield, accompanied by the symbolic ringing of the Methodist church bells, echoing the very first Independence Day celebrations.

The Elba Chamber of Commerce, dedicated to promoting the city and enhancing the quality of life, invites everyone to join in this traditional celebration, just as John Adams envisioned back in 1776.

Elba Municipal Election News:

Qualifying continues for the 2025 City of Elba Municipal Election set for Tuesday, Aug. 26th.

The following had qualified as of 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 17th:

For Mayor of Elba: Carlos Magwood, Marty Tarey, and Tim Johnson
For Elba City Councilmember, District 1: Tom Hooks

For Elba City Councilmember, District 2: Gappa Wise

For Elba City Councilmember, District 3: Jane Brunson (incumbent), and Todd Martinetti

For Elba City Councilmember, District 4: Summer Love.

For Elba City Council, District 5: no one had qualified as of Tuesday evening this week.

Qualifying remains open until 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 24th.

Area Happenings

The Elba City Schools Board of Education has rescheduled the June regular monthly meeting to Tuesday, June 24, at 5:30 p.m., at the central office on the Elba City Schools campus.

The Elba Lions Club will meet Tuesday, June 24, at 6 p.m., at the Elba Senior Citizens Center. There will be a guest speaker.

The Coffee County Soil & Water Conservation District will hold its monthly board meeting Thursday, June 26, at the Coffee County Extension Kitchen, located at 1055 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, AL 36351. The meeting will start at 9 a.m. There is a limit on the number of people that can be in the room; therefore, if planning to attend, call 334-894-5581 x3.

EDITORIAL

Windy Thoughts

with Linda Hodge, Publisher

This page contains an article written by Elba Elementary School student Parrish Grantham. It is written from her views regarding a recent trip she was able to make with her family to the Grand Canyon in Arizona. Parrish shares some of her favorite memories and sites from the trip. We asked Parrish to write this article for the paper as she and her family were returning home. The Grand Canyon is one of the many beautiful landmarks that can be found across this nation, and we wanted to get this youngsters personal take on it. We were not certain what kind of article we would get from Parrish when we asked her to write it, but we were blown away when her mom, DeAnn, sent us just the rough draft. It not only met our expectations, but it went way beyond anything we could have imagined that would have come from an 11-year-old preparing to enter the sixth grade. Upon seeing the rough draft, the only feedback we gave back was “tell her to finish up her conclusion, correct a few grammatical errors, and it is ready for publishing!” When the final draft came to us, we literally only had to make a few “journalism” changes, which were things Parrish would not have known to do. She did an amazing job recounting the memory-filled trip. We hope you enjoy reading the article as much as we did in preparing it for the newspaper. Also, if any other youngsters take a trip, participate in an activity, etc. this summer that you too want to share with our readers, please do so! After all, this paper is about community!

Thinking about the well-done job Parrish did on her Grand Canyon article, we can only say that something is being done right in our local schools. While the negative tends to get more publicity most days than the positive, the work we received from Parrish Grantham was stellar for an elementary student, and that tells us that good teaching is taking place within our schools. It was also confirmed with great reading scores revealed recently from ACAP testing. All we can say right now is “keep up the good work” to the local students and teachers. You are headed in the right direction!!

Qualifying for the local municipal elections is nearing an end with the deadline being 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 24th. We strongly encourage those seeking office to take the high road and run campaigns based on the qualifications you believe you have to do the job right...not based on pointing out the negatives of others. At the end of the day, we are all human and have human emotions. It is never appropriate to talk bad about others - not in politics and not in life in general. Let's keep these elections free of negativity, and let's focus on working to build a better tomorrow for us all! Just a little food for thought as we move forward.

Elba Elementary School student shares favorite memories from recent trip to Grand Canyon in Arizona with her family

Story written by
Parrish Grantham

This Memorial Day week my family and I took a trip to the Grand Canyon in Arizona.

It was really wild to see how beautiful it was in person instead of looking at it through the eyes of social media. Some of my personal favorites were looking at Duck on a Rock, riding mules along the South Rim Trail, going to Hermit's Rest, and the Desert View Watchtower.

Duck on a Rock actually isn't an official site, but there is an official sign there detailing its history, and no, it's not a real duck. It's a formation in the rock that's been carved by wind and water. At first it's hard to see the duck, but once you do, you can't unsee it.

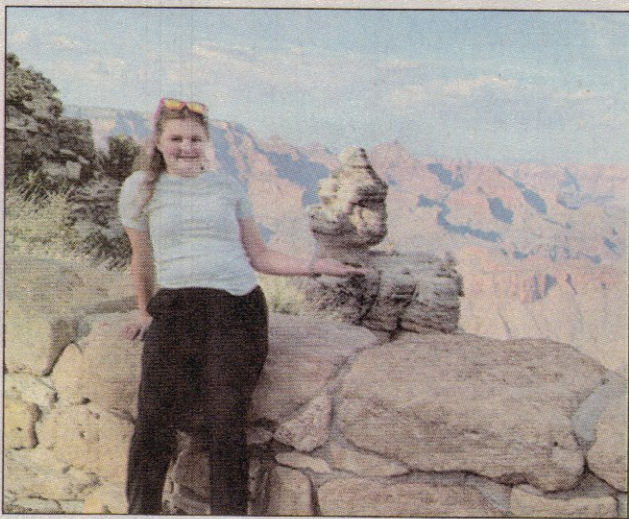
President Dwight D. Eisenhower actually visited Duck on a Rock, which I believe should be enough to make it an official site, but whoever is in charge of that clearly thinks otherwise.

It was a little difficult to find. For anyone traveling there it's the first turnout east of Yaki Point.

We were fortunate enough during our trip to snatch reservations for two-hour mule rides along part of the South Rim Trail. These reservations fill up months in advance.

The ride was a total of 4-miles along the rim. Our guide, Lucie, came from France a few months ago and had a couple of horses there. She had a lot of experience riding.

Lucie explained why



Parrish Grantham at Duck on a Rock

people think mules are so stubborn. Basically, horses have no survival instincts when you're riding them and will run off a cliff if you want them to, but mules will stand there and refuse to go off the rim no matter how hard you try to motivate them.

Most of the mules on our ride had made over 1,200 trips down into the Canyon on the much longer seven-hour ride. They were now considered in the retired group doing the shorter two-hour rides.

We had these things called mule motivators, which were leather whips that went on your wrist. The guide explained we weren't strong enough to actually hurt the mules with them. They were just trained to move faster when you hit their backside with it.

I had to use mine a bit because my mule wasn't in a hurry for anything. My mother even made a joke that my mule's personality fit me perfectly.

Our mules were named Stew, Payson, and Festus. My grandmother's mule, Festus, was the smallest one and walked around the others because he was so short that he couldn't see where he was going when he was behind the others. It was actually sort of funny. The trainers said he had a complex.

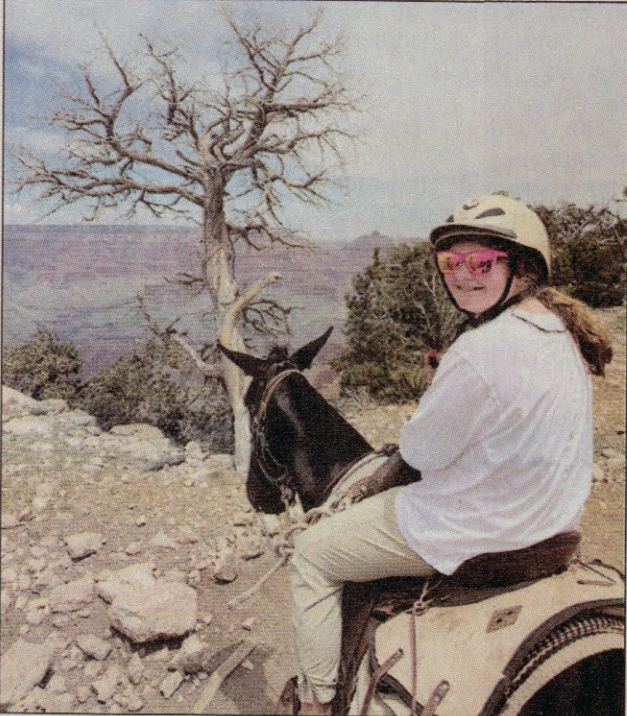
Hermit's Rest was a neat little viewing area named for Louis Boucher, who wasn't an actual hermit, but he just liked to be alone. He was actually really helpful and kind to receive that title.

With help, he carved the trail that is still being used today into the canyon. The landmark Hermit's Rest was

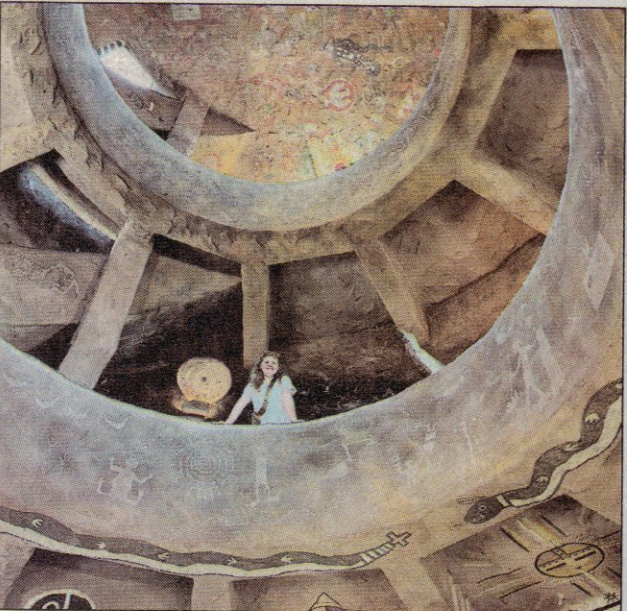
or ancient Puebloan watchtowers and Hopi culture.

These are tribes which have previously occupied the Grand Canyon. Because it is the highest point on the South Rim, it's a great viewing platform but also a mini museum because it depicts Hopi mythology on the walls, telling folklore from the tribe and having authentic chairs and items from the Hopi.

There are a lot of other experiences I wish I could write about from my time at the Grand Canyon, but I hope I wrote about enough of my favorite landmarks to make the Grand Canyon sound really cool and tempt you to want to visit it. Out of all of this, Duck on a Rock was definitely my favorite, but the mule rides were still pretty amazing even if we were a little sore afterwards!



Riding mules along part of the South Rim Trail



Parrish walking up the Desert View Watchtower

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2 PM - 3 PM Meet and Greet

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line. Major cities adjacent to this reservoir include Dayton (mid-reservoir section) and Chattanooga, Tennessee, (lower end of reservoir).

Although some of the college anglers brought in several quality fish, the Troy team did not make the final cut. However, they go out this season pleased to have met a major goal they established at the beginning of the season: finish in the top 25. This happened; they were ranked 23rd among almost 200 colleges and universities from across the United States.

Avery Padgett, who has served as vice-president of the club this year, will be serving as president as he begins his junior year. He said they have six new team members committed who will join the club when the 2025-2026 season begins early this fall, and they anticipate an even bet-

ter season. Although the club will not be competing this summer, some anglers will fish adult tournaments to stay in practice.

REMINDER:

Elba native and author

Gunter Akridge will return to his hometown Tuesday, June 24, for a special book signing event celebrating the release of his second book, *The Bitter Cup: Walking With God When Your World Falls Apart*.

The signing will take place June 24th from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Elba Public Library.

LEGAL NOTICES:

Public Notices also are posted online at: www.alabamapublicnotices.com (no extra charge)

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF PEGGY JOYCE HARRISON**

Deceased

Case No: PC 2025-042

NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Summary Distribution has been filed in the Probate Court of Coffee County - Elba Division on the 16th day of June, 2025, for distribution of assets from the Estate of Peggy Joyce Harrison, deceased, and that thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof, and pursuant to law, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the Estate of said decedent. WITNESS my hand and seal this the 17th day of June, 2025

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson
JUDGE OF PROBATE
6/19-pd

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

THE CITY OF ELBA, ALABAMA

Petitioner,

v.
THE TAXPAYERS AND CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF ELBA, ALABAMA

Defendants.

CV 2025-900018

LEGAL NOTICE

TO THE TAXPAYERS AND CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF ELBA, ALABAMA

Notice is hereby given to you that a petition has been filed in the Court under the provisions of §§ 6-6-750 through 6-6-757 of the Code of Alabama (1975) requesting the Court to validate and confirm the proposed issuance by the City of Elba, Alabama (the "City") of the Project Development Agreement (the "Development Agreement") between the City and Jack's Family Restaurants, LP (the "Developer") and the respective Series 2024-A Limited Obligation Certificate of Indebtedness of the City (referred to separately herein as the "Certificate of Indebtedness"). The City's Certificate of Indebtedness will be in an amount of up to but not exceeding \$500,000.00. The Certificate of Indebtedness shall bear no interest. The obligations of the City proposed by the Development Agreement and the Certificate of Indebtedness

are limited obligations of the City issued for the purpose of providing funding to Developer to assist it in the development of a restaurant located within the City at 988 Highway 203, Elba, Alabama 36323 (the "Project Site"), and which is more particularly described on Exhibit "A" to the Project Development Agreement that is attached to the Petition, and to fund the construction of building(s) on the Project Site (the "Retail Center"). The project is expected to generate annual taxable sales of between approximately One Million Seven Hundred Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$1,700,000.00) and Two Million and No/100 Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) and the create a significant number of full and part time jobs, many of which may be filled by residents of the Public Body.

The obligations of the City in the Development Agreement and the City's Certificate of Indebtedness will be secured by a pledge by the City of the City Assistance derived solely from the sales taxes generated by the Retail Center as provided for in the Development Agreement. With regard to the City Assistance, subject to the other provisions of the Development Agreement and applicable law, the City proposes to pay to Developer as a tax rebate the City Assistance until the City has rebated to Developer the maximum amount of \$500,000.00; City Assistance is defined specifically in the Development Agreement but generally shall mean seventy percent (70%) of the non-education related sales tax revenues collected by the City from the Retail Center after the development of the same. All terms capitalized shall have that meaning as set forth in the Development Agreement.

Copies of documents relevant to the proposed obligations of the Development Agreement and the proposed issuance of the Certificate of Indebtedness are available for inspection and review during normal business hours at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Elba at 200 Buford St, Elba, AL 36323 in Coffee County, Alabama. These documents are described as follows: (1) Project Development Agreement and (2) the Certificate of Indebtedness.

The Court has issued an order against the taxpayers and citizens of the City of Elba, Alabama requiring them to show cause, if any they have, at a hearing of

said petition to be held at the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba, Alabama, on the 23rd day of July, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. as to why the Development Agreement and obligations of the City contemplated therein, the Certificate of Indebtedness, the authority of the City to issue the Certificate of Indebtedness, the legality of all pledges of revenues to the Certificate of Indebtedness and those in the Development Agreement, the legality or all proceedings heretofore taken in connection therewith, and the validity of all other covenants, provisions and agreements associated with the Development Agreement and the Certificate of Indebtedness, and the applicability of Amendment 772 to the City and the above obligations and proposed obligations should not be validated and confirmed.

You are therefore required at the time and place hereinabove set for to show cause, if any you have, why the Development Agreement and obligations of the City contemplated therein, the Certificate of Indebtedness, the authority of the City to issue the Certificate of Indebtedness, the legality of all pledges of revenues to the Certificate of Indebtedness including those in the Development Agreement, the legality of all proceedings heretofore taken in connection therewith, and the validity of all other covenants, provisions and agreements associated with the Development Agreement, the Certificate of Indebtedness and/or as set forth in the Petition and the applicability of Amendment 772 to the City and all the above should not be validated and confirmed.

Done this the 16th day of June 2025.
/s/ Amy L Reeves
Amy Reeves
Circuit Court Clerk of Coffee County, Alabama
ORDERED and DECREED this the 16th day of June 2025.

/s/ Henry Reagan
Circuit Judge Henry Reagan
6/19,26&7/3-chg.

Obituaries

Obits are updated regularly on our website: www.elba-clipper.com

ANEALIA SKINNER

Ms. Anelia Sasser-Skinner, age 75, of Smyrna,



Tenn., died Sunday, June 15, 2025, at The Pavillion Senior Living facility in Smyrna. Graveside services will be held Thursday, June 19, 2025, at the Evergreen Cemetery in Elba, Ala., beginning at 11 a.m., with Rev. Derek Snellgrove officiating. Burial will follow under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home. Visitation will be at Hayes Funeral Home on Thursday, June 19, from 10-10:45 a.m.

Anelia was preceded in death by her parents, Annie Mae and Kie Sasser, along with a sister, Annette Sasser Mount.

Survivors include her niece, Davina Mount, Brantley, Ala.

JAMES ANTHONY DOZIER

Sergeant James Anthony Dozier, age 60, died Saturday, June 7, 2025.

Anthony was born Feb. 4, 1965 to James Earl Dozier and Alice Juanita Dozier in Opp, Ala. "Ant" and his siblings had their own gospel quartet known affectionately as the "Dozier Children." Of course "Ant" was the lead singer.

Anthony grew up attending Opp City Schools where he found his niche as a Bobcat on the basketball court and football field. He excelled at both sports. After graduating from Opp High School in 1984, he attended Alabama State University earning a Bachelor's degree in recreation management. In 1994, he began his career in law enforcement by working for the City of Opp Police Department for two years. In 1996, he went on to serve for the City of Elba Police Department. In January 2009, he began working for the Coffee County Sheriff's Office, where he remained until God called him home.

Throughout his life and career, he brought charm, humor, compassion, encouragement and joy to those he encountered. You could always count on Dozier for a laugh and a hug. His smile and heart would light up the darkest room.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 14, 2025, from Westview Baptist Church in Opp with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing. Sergeant Dozier was preceded in death by his fa-

ther, James Earl Dozier; along with both paternal and maternal grandparents. Survivors include his mother, Alice Juanita Dozier, Opp; daughters, Shaerail Thompson, Florala, Ala., Chelsea Dozier, Montgomery, Ala., Keyona Dozier, Daleville, Ala.; son, Anthony Trey Dozier, Enterprise, Ala.; grandsons, Kevondrae Thompson and Kendauris Cobb; brothers, Dewayne Dozier (Francine), Opp, and Tramus Dozier, Elenton, Fla.; sisters, Alicia Kroher (Siegfried), Opp, and Nicola Dozier, Independence, Ky.; along with a wealth of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

NORMAN DOUGLAS GREEN

Mr. Norman Douglas Green, age 92, died peacefully with his family by his side on the evening of Tuesday, June 10, 2025.

Born in 1933, Douglas lived a life defined by faith, service, and devotion to family and community. He was drafted into the U.S. Army and served with distinction in the 101st Airborne Division as an instructor in the Signal corps. Following his military service, Douglas returned home and dedicated himself to education and agriculture. He was a hardworking farmer and spent many years as a teacher and principal where he influenced generations of students and educators with his leadership and integrity. Douglas also faithfully served 41 years on the board of trustees for the South Alabama Electric Cooperative, imparting wisdom and a deep commitment to the people it served.

A devoted man of God, Douglas was a longtime leader at Hebron Baptist Church. Whether teaching Sunday School, serving as a deacon, or simply leading by example, his faith was the cornerstone of his life and an inspiration to all who knew him.

A celebration of Douglas's life was held Friday, June 13, 2025 at Zion Cha-

pel High School's new gymnasium. Graveside services followed at Hebron Baptist Church cemetery. The family kindly requests donations be made to the Green Memorial Scholarship Fund care of All In Credit Union, P.O. Drawer 8, Daleville, AL 36322 which honors Mr. Green's lifelong dedication to education and the future of young people.

He experienced great love and also deep loss in his life. He was widowed three times by his beloved wives, Grace Ellen Barr, Hazel Price Williford, and Erlene Ammons Kelley. He also was preceded in death by his parents, Madie B. and Essie D. Green; brothers, Dwight Green and Donald Green; and his daughter, Karen Green Jordan. Survivors include his son, Larry (Jane) Green; grandchildren, Amy (Brad) Forehand, Mandi (Jason) Suggs, Ashley (Kendall) Merritt, Callie (Ben) Reweti, Christie (Chris) Jay, Nicole (Brandon) Barnhill, Holli (PJ) Benton; along with numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

SHELLY ANN SMITH

Mrs. Shelly Ann Smith, age 67, of Opp, Ala., died Sunday, June 15, 2025, at her residence in Opp.

No formal services are planned at this time. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba is serving the Smith family.

She was preceded in death by her parents - Buddy and Ann Barr Whitman; husband - Michael Smith; and daughter - Christy Bradshaw.

Survivors include her son, Chad (Jennifer) Smith, Opp; grandsons, Peyton Smith, Opp, and Colton Bradshaw, Opelika, Ala.; granddaughters, Cierra Smith, Opp, Madison Bradshaw, and Kyndall Bradshaw, both of Opelika; sisters, Kathy (Ricky) Mullar, New Brockton, Ala., Kimberly (Ron) Miller, Enterprise, Ala., and Peggy Blaylock, Elba; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

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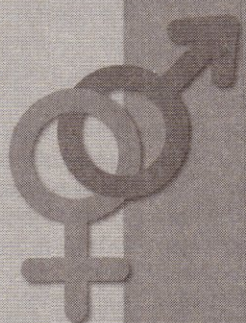
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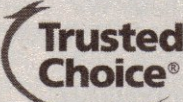
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES L. GANNON, Deceased.
CASE NO. PR2025-102TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Jennifer Lee Gannon Everett, as Personal Representative of the Estate of James L. Gannon, deceased, on the 28th day of May, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
6/5, 12 & 19-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE THE ESTATE OF: OPHELIA MCMILLER, Deceased.
CASE NO.: 2025-0036**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT**
Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Angela Felder, on the 28th day of May, 2025, by the Honorable Toby Seay, Judge of the Probate Court of Geneva County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present to the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Angela Felder
Angela Felder
/s/ Stephen T. Etheredge
Stephen T. Etheredge
Attorney for the Estate of Ophelia McMiller
P.O. Box 1193
Dothan, AL 36302
6/5, 12 & 19-chg

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY ELAINE PALMER, Deceased.
CASE NO. 2025-066TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Melanie Boggs, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Dorothy Elaine Palmer, deceased, on the 28th day of May, 2025 by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Toby L. Seay
Probate Judge
6/5, 12 & 19-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: The estate of BETTY CRUMPLER, Deceased.
CASE NO. PR 2025-104**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**
TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to ROBERT M. CRUMPLER, SR., as Personal Representative of the estate of Betty Crumpler, deceased on the 17th day of April, 2018, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Gary D. Bradshaw
GARY D. BRADSHAW (BRA074)
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 311412Enterprise, AL 36331-1412
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6/5, 12 & 19-pd**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATE STATE OF ALABAMA COFFE COUNTY (Enterprise Division)****PROBATE COURT No. PR-2025-075**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALVALENE REYNOLDS, DECEASED.

Letter Testamentary on the estate of said decedent having been granted to the undersigned on May 28, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate of said County in said State, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
Cindy Ann Dunaway
John P. Dunaway, Jr.
Tommy R. Dunaway
Executors of the Estate of Alvalene Reynolds, Deceased
6/5, 12 & 19-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF: KIRK CARL WEBER, Deceased.
CASE NO.: PC-2008-031

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

To: MATHAIS CHARLES WEBER
You are hereby notified that a hearing for Application for Appointment of Successor Personal Representative for the Estate of Kirk Carl Weber has been set in the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, (Elba Division) on the 17th day of July, 2025. You must file a response with the court or appear on said date or Petitioners Application will be granted.
This the 3rd day of June 2025./s/ Jodee Thompson
Probate Judge, Jodee Thompson
Coffee County, Alabama
6/5, 12, 19 & 26-pd

ORDER TO GIVE NOTICE VIA PUBLICATION

In accordance with Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 4.1(c) and Alabama Code § 30-2-1 PETITION OF DIVORCE having been submitted by James Thomas Pecsok to Hon. Henry T. Reagan II, Judge for Coffee County (Elba), Alabama. IT IS DIRECTED for public notification; this notice is hereby given to Tiffany Samantha Pecsok that Plaintiff wishes to have (1) physical custody of all four children; (2) a Divorce from the Defendant which would end this marriage forever; and (3) make such other and further orders and decrees as may be necessary to effectuate an equitable favor to the Plaintiff.
6/12, 19, 26 & 7/3

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of BETTY CALHOUN CROOK, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2025-113

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Christopher Randolph Crook, Personal Representative, on the 9th day of June, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby re-quired to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Done this the 9th day of June, 2025./s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge
6/12, 19 & 26-pd

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: KD, (DOB: 04/02/2016)
A minor child under the age of 18 years.
CASE NO.: 34-JU-2022-149.03
DHR Case #: 28543 (FATHER)

NOTICE TO KADRICK DEMPSEY:

You are hereby given notice that a petition has been filed by the Geneva County Department of Human Resources requesting that your parental rights be terminated to the following child: KD born 04/02/2016. You are hereby given notice that you are required to file an Answer with the Clerk of Juvenile Court and with the Petitioner's Attorney: Hon. Rachel H. Sullivan at P.O. Box 336, Geneva, AL 36340, within 14 days of the date of the last publication of this notice or a default judgement can be entered against you. A final hearing has been set for August 28, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at the Geneva County Courthouse in Geneva, Alabama. You may appear and contest the same if you choose.
Done this 6th day of June, 2025./s/ Ashley Powell
Ashley Powell, Circuit Clerk, Geneva County, AL
6/12, 19, 26 & 7/3-chg

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of DELLA DALTON, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2025-090**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT**
Letters of Administration on the Estate of Della Dalton having been granted to Mary Beth Henderson, Personal Representative, on the 9th day of June, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
DONE this the 9th day of June, 2025./s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge
6/12, 19 & 26-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

In the Matter of the Estate of MARILYN ANN ROTH, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2025-067

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration on the Estate of Marilyn Ann Roth having been granted to Mozell M. Fortney, Personal Representative, on the 2nd day of June, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
DONE this the 2nd day of June, 2025./s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge
6/5, 12 & 19-pd

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UNIT A19 - SUSAN TARTER
UNITS B8, B21, B23, B26 - MELISA DILLON
6/19-pd.

IN THE PROBATE OFFICE OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF

LEGAL NOTICE

I, Dolencorp, LLC, dba Dollar General Store #25844 have made application of the City of Elba for a **Retail Beer and a Retail Wine License off premises consumption** at this location, **839 Troy Highway, Elba, AL.** A public hearing will be held by the Elba City Council in the council chambers at Elba City Hall on Monday, June 23, 2025, 5:45 p.m.

6/5, 6/12, 6/19/2025

LEGAL NOTICES:

(More Legal Notices on Pages 4 & 8)

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having being made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage dated May 26, 2022 executed by Latosha Jones, single woman, in favor of Mortgage electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as a nominee for Ameris Bank, said Mortgage being recorded Book 31, 2022, in OFFREC Book 993, Page 253, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Enterprise Division, Alabama; having later been assigned to Planet Home Lending, LLC by instrument recorded in Book 1097, Page 363, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Enterprise Division, Alabama. Said default continues and notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Planet Home Lending, LLC, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the main entrance to the County Courthouse, Coffee County, Enterprise Division, Alabama on 07/02/2025, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in Coffee County, Enterprise Division, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot 12, Block "C", Valley Chase Subdivision, as shown on plat of same recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 329, in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Enterprise Division, Coffee County, Alabama

For informational purposes only, the property address is: 102 Sagewood Lane, Enterprise, AL 36330. Any property address provided is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

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REQUESTS FOR BIDS Carl Folsom Airport Elba, Alabama

Sealed bids will be received until Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at Elba City Hall located at 200 Buford Street Elba, AL. 36323 and at said time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment and performing all work necessary for: Runway Reconstruction at Carl Folsom Airport (TMGM240031). Major items of work include: Elba Runway full depth repair, taxiway tie in, pavement removal, shoulder work, minor lighting reconfiguration,

safety area grading, seeding and mulching.

Information for the Project can be found on the following website: <https://www.gmcnetwork.com/bids/>. The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC, located at 1906 E. Three Notch Street, Andalusia, Alabama 36421, Email: patsy.stinson@gmcnetwork.com. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office, during the hours indicated above, upon payment of a one-time administrative fee of \$20.00 for digital access/file sharing access and/or payment of \$100.00 for each printed set. Said cost represents the cost of printing, reproduction, handling, and distribution, therefore no refund will be granted. Checks for Bidding Documents shall be payable to "Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC." Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a bid guaranty in the amount of five (5) percent of the total amount of the bid, but not to exceed \$50,000. The bid guaranty may be by certified check or bid bond made payable to the Elba Airport Authority. All Bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Engineer; the Bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying the license number on the outside of the envelope in which the Proposal is delivered. "A contractor must have a Heavy and Railroad major license or a Heavy and Railroad specialty license to bid as prime for this project."

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: **VICTOR PARKER JR., Plaintiff,** vs. **ASHLEY DILLARD, Defendant.** CASE NO.: DR-2025-900030

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Defendant, Ashley Dillard, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Complaint for Divorce heretofore filed against her by Plaintiff, Victor Parker, Jr., on or before the 4th day of August 2025, or a judgment by default may be rendered against her in Case No. DR-2025-900030, Circuit Court of Geneva County, Alabama. Dated on this the 4th day of June 2025. /s/ Ashley A. Powell Ashley A. Powell Circuit Court Clerk Lee F. Knowles Attorney for said Estate P.O. Box 369 Geneva County, AL 36340 Telephone: (334) 684-8022 6/12, 19, 26 & 7/3-chg

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF **Othel Bernard Winslett, Deceased.** CASE NO. PR-2025-112

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of Othel Bernard Winslett, deceased, having been granted to Kerry Sue Winslett, Personal Representative, on the 5th day of June, 2025, by the Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson Hon. Jodee R. Thompson Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama Richard W. Whittaker, Attorney 300 E. Lee Street Enterprise, AL 36330 (334) 393-5146 6/12, 19 & 26-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN the Matter of the Estate of **EMMETT M. COUCH, Deceased.** Case No.: PR-2025-089

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration on the Estate of Emmett M. Couch having been granted to Mary Beth Henderson, Personal Representative, on the 5th day of June, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. DONE this the 5th day of June, 2025.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge 6/12, 19 & 26-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF **WINNIE NESTA MOORE, Deceased,** CASE NO.: PR-2025-050

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters of Administration of said Deceased having been granted to THOMAS E. WALKER, JR., Personal Representative, on the 12th day of June, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present same within the time allowed by law or the same

will be barred. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson Jodee R. Thompson JUDGE OF PROBATE Ashley Peacock Bradley, Attorney 360 N. Oates St. Dothan, AL 36303 334-793-3610 6/19, 26 & 7/3-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF **HAROLD BRUCE MILLER, DECEASED.** Case No. PR-2025-122

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 16th day of June, 2025, by the Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Alfred F. Livaudais, Jr. Alfred F. Livaudais, Jr. Attorney for Donna S. Miller Personal Representative Urech & Livaudais, P.C. P.O. Drawer 70 Daleville, AL 36322 (334) 598-4455 daleattval@gmail.com 6/19, 26 & 7/3-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF **BARBARA BOYLE DECEASED** CASE NO.: PR-2025-070

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of BARBARA BOYLE, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 16th day of June, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred.

/s/ Joel Young JOEL YOUNG Personal Representative of said Estate 6/19, 26 & 7/3-pd

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Ryan Homler to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Movement Mortgage, LLC, dated April 30, 2024 said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, in Book 1062, Page 118. Said mortgage was subsequently sold, assigned and transferred to Movement Mortgage, LLC. Under and by virtue of the power of sale

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF **BETTY J. COLLINS, DECEASED.** CASE NO.: 8632

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration upon the Estate of Betty J. Collins having been granted to Sherry Herring on the 16th day of June, 2025, by Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate of Geneva County, Alabama, and notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Toby L. Seay Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate 6/19, 26 & 7/3-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of **HARRY WAYNE CROOK, Deceased.** Case No.: PR-2025-123

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Christopher Randolph Crook, Personal Representative, on the 16th day of June, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. DONE this the 16th day of June, 2025. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge 6/19, 26 & 7/3-pd

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF PAULINE NEAL RIGGS, DECEASED,

ANNIE COOPER, PETITIONER. Case No.: 25-0077

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Annie Jean Tolver-Cooper, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Pauline Neal Riggs, who departed this life on the 5th day of May, 2023, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present same within the time allowed by law or same will be barred. Annie Jean Tolver-Cooper Personal Representative of the Estate of Pauline Neal Riggs, deceased.

Attorney for the Estate: David W. Rousseau, Esq. Rousseau Law Firm Post Office Box 10 Hartford, Alabama 36344

/s/ Toby L. Seay Judge of Probate 6/19, 26 & 7/3

NOTICE OF ELECTION OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS City of Elba, Alabama

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, an election for the purpose of electing a Mayor and the City Council (District 1, District 2, District 3, District 4, and District 5) will be held. The mayor and city council are to be elected at the election for the City of Elba, Alabama. All registered and qualified electors of the state, who reside within the city limits of Elba, Alabama, and have resided therein for 30 days or more immediately preceding the date of the election, and who are qualified to vote in the county precinct which embraces and covers that part of the town limits of the City of Elba in which the elector resides, will be authorized to participate in the election.

Qualified electors may begin qualifying on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. Qualifying will end on Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at 5:00p.m. City Hall (200 Buford Street) will be open for those wishing to qualify as follows:

Monday thru Friday: 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 24, 2025: 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

The City of Elba will be closed on June 19, 2025, to observe the federal holiday Juneteenth National Independence Day.

The polls will open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Elba Church of Christ on Election Day.

If necessary, a run-off election will be held on Tuesday, September 23, 2025.

Any qualified elector who will have resided within the city limits of Elba, Alabama, within the district from which he or she seeks elections, for a period of at least 90 days on Election Day may qualify to run for office by filing the appropriate forms and paying any appropriate fees, as otherwise provide by law at City Hall.

Tom Maddox, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sally Bane, City Clerk

This notice is given in accordance with Section 11-46-22, Code of Alabama, 1975.

6/5, 12&19-chg

SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

While Father's Day usually brings with it a phone call or an extra hug, it also brings with it for a lot of us the remembrance of our own Dads that are no longer with us, but certainly helped shape our lives. While my Dad has been gone since 1997, he is never far away from my thoughts and I will always feel a sense of calm knowing the last time I saw him before heart surgery I gave him a kiss on his forehead and told him I loved him. That love has never lessened!

For what it is worth....

***** There are always coaching changes** at the high school level during the summer and that is certainly the case this year as Elba, New Brockton and Brantley will all be led by new coaches on the football field, and Elba and Zion Chapel will have new head coaches in all girls sports. Elba and Brantley have fielded two of the state's top 1A football programs over the past decade and both jobs will come with a lot of pressure, but possibly one of the winningest programs in the state in girls sports in recent years has been at Elba High, which is starting all over for the second straight year. Two years ago the Lady Tigers made appearances at the state tournament in both basketball and volleyball, as well as a second straight trip to the South Region in softball. All three teams had veteran coaches that gave up their spots, which led to all new coaches in the sports last season. Now, those three coaches are no longer on staff and once again the players will find new faces in charge when they take the field and court. Coaching changes are common at all levels, but at Elba High it looks like a revolving door when it comes to girls sports, which makes one wonder just what is going on and what it will take to put stability back in the program.

***** As usual, the biggest news** in the world of college sports isn't taking place on the field or on the court, but in the offices of the college administrators as NCAA member schools all across the nation try to figure out how to add a new \$20-million line item to their budgets without having to make cuts in an attempt to balance the budget. The NCAA agreed to a multi-billion dollar court settlement recently that will force NCAA member schools to pay athletes up to \$20.5 million in revenue sharing this year and then increase the amount every year for ten years to satisfy a \$2.8 billion settlement. NCAA president Charlie Baker declared the settlement saved the organization from bankruptcy, while sports columnist Paul Finebaum declared the settlement marked the end of the college sports as we have known it. I agree with Finebaum, since there will no longer be amateur athletes competing in most college sports, especially in the money-making sports such as football and basketball. Now that the colleges will pay their so-called 'student-athletes,' the next move may very well deal with the need for the college athletes to even go to class. I am not a fan of pro sports, and it looks like now college sports has joined that category!

***** In closing....** All the recent rainy weather brings back memories of when I was the recreation director in Elba and used to joke with people that the area farmers paid us to put on softball and baseball tournaments, because they knew if we were holding a tournament it would rain. After all the rain this summer I guess it may not have been our bad luck at the Rec Department and we could have just blamed the weatherman. Now if the rains will slow down at least long enough for the weeds to quit growing a foot overnight!

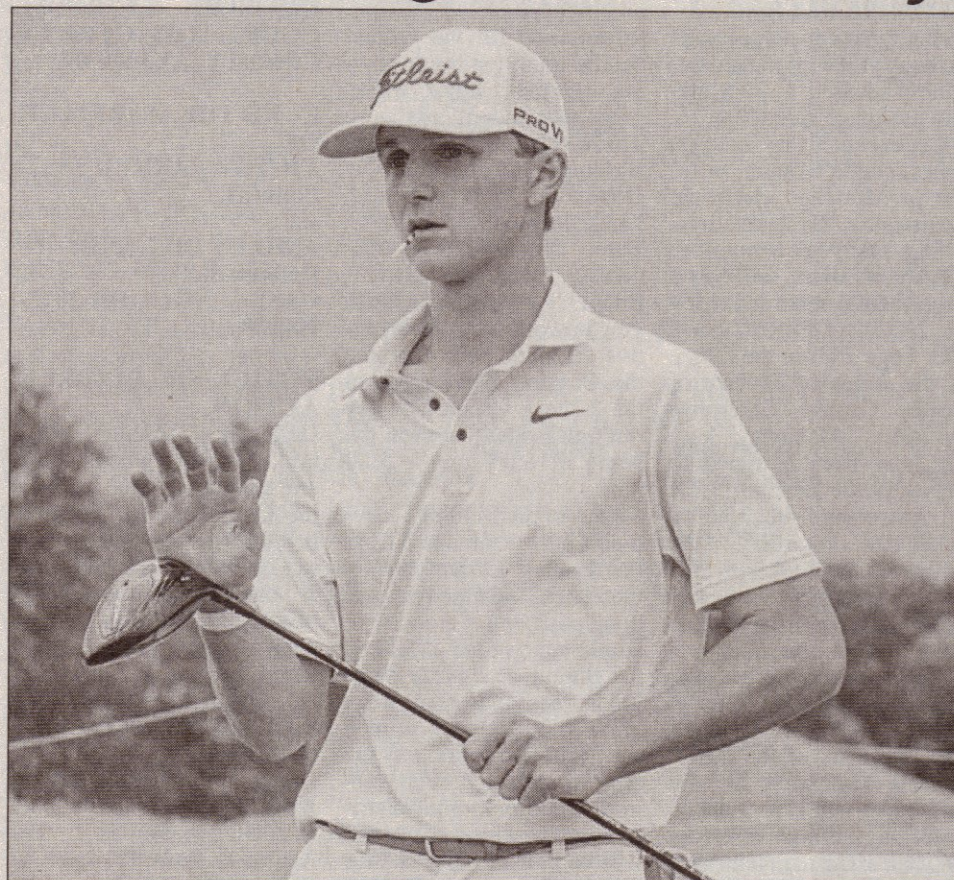
Wilson still finding the fairway

While many teenagers take advantage of the summer months to sleep in and enjoy trips to the beach, Elba's Jay Wilson is taking advantage of his summer vacation to compete in some of the most prestigious golf tournaments in the Southeast, and after only two weeks of competition has already picked up one tournament win and had a high finish in another.

Wilson, an upcoming senior at Elba High School and a two-time AHSAA state champion, began his summer season at the Southeastern Junior Golf Tour's 'National Junior Classic' at the Robert Trent Jones Grand National Course, in Opelika, and took home the tournament title after a two-hole playoff. Wilson fired rounds of 72-68 for a four-under par 140, but needed two extra holes to break a tie and win the event.

Wilson headed to the Alabama Golf Associations '109th Alabama State Amateur Championship' the first week in June at the Robert Trent Jones Capitol Hill Senator Course, in Prattville, and competed against 156 of the top golfers in the state in the 72-hole, stroke play tournament. The field was cut to the low sixty players after 36 holes, with those surviving the cut going on to play another 36 holes in the four-day tournament.

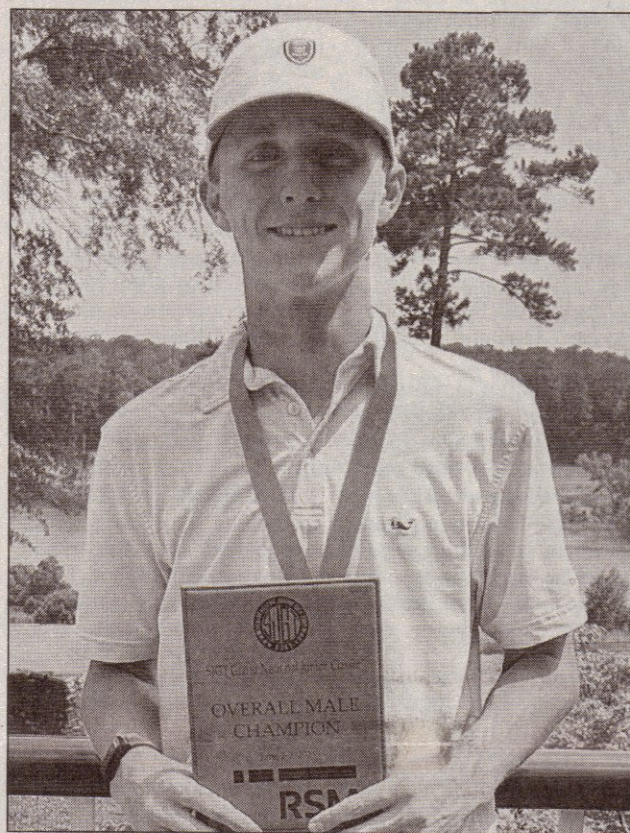
The Elba standout fired an even par 72 on the opening day of the tournament despite bogeys on two of his final four holes, but bounced back on day two with a two-under par 70 that included an eagle on the first hole on the back nine that helped propel him to a three-under 33 on his final nine holes as he made the cut comfortably. Wilson fired an even par 36 on the front



Elba's Jay Wilson is off to a hot start on the links this summer with a win at a major junior tournament and a high finish at the State Amateur.

nine on day three in a round that included two birdies and two bogeys, but again found the closing holes hard to manage and after two late bogeys finished the round with a one-over par 73. Saturday's final day of the tournament saw Wilson fire a one-under par 35 on a front side that included one birdie and eight pars. However, a double bogey on the twelfth hole slowed the early-success, and even though he picked up a pair of birdies over the closing five holes, he also posted two bogeys to close the round with a one-over par 73, for a four-day total of even-par 288 which placed him in a tie for 23rd in the field.

As of June 1, Wilson was the 31st ranked AGA junior golfer in the state, in a division that includes over 500 junior golfers from across Alabama.



Jay Wilson with National Junior Classic winner's plaque after playoff win.

Pea River included in latest state fishing advisory

The Alabama 'Fish Consumption Advisories' for 2025 were recently released and once again a portion of the Pea River near downtown Elba was included in the annual list that advised area fishermen not to eat certain fish caught in the river.

The advisory, published by the Alabama Department of Public Health, reported that high levels of Mercury content in certain species of fish make consumption a health hazard.

The first location on the Pea River is 0.5 miles downstream of where the Beaverdam Creek and Pea River converge at Elba. This area carries a 'Do Not Eat' warning for all species due to the threat of Mercury contamination.

A second located along the Pea River is located at County Road 248, and the recommendation from the state is that fishermen eat no more than one meal a month of brown bullhead, spotted bass and largemouth bass, also due to high level of Mercury.

The third area along the Pea River is 0.5 miles

from where the Pea River and Choctawhatchee River meet. At this location, it is recommended fishermen eat no more than two meals a month of channel catfish, while largemouth bass and spotted bass are placed in the 'Do Not Eat' category.

Alabama has over 129,700 miles of rivers and streams, 41 public lakes and reservoirs, and some of the most varied fish habitat in the United States. Fishing is a popular sport in Alabama, and provides many benefits, such as recreation and procurement of healthy food. Fish are high in protein, low in fat and cholesterol, and low calorie when prepared healthily. Unfortunately, certain toxic chemicals have been found in some lakes and rivers in Alabama. Some of these chemicals can accumulate in fish. With some of the chemicals, higher levels of the contaminants can be found in older and/or larger fish. When chemical concentrations are elevated in fish, they can pose health risks to people who eat them. Sampling of fish provides the information (levels of

contaminants) needed for issuing the advisories.

The recommendation of a fish consumption advisory does not necessarily mean that the waters under advisory are unsafe for recreation. Fish accumulate contaminants in their tissues to concentrations that are sometimes hundreds to thousands of times greater than the concentration of the contaminant in the waters they inhabit. Activities such as swimming, boating, or catch-and-release fishing in waters that have fish consumption advisories are considered to be safe.

Other areas of local interest included in the most recent advisory were:

Barbour Creek, Barbour Creek embayment of Walter F. George Reservoir in the vicinity of US Hwy 431. (Barbour County) Channel catfish 2 meals/month (Mercury) Largemouth bass 'Do Not Eat Any' (Mercury)

Big Escambia Creek, Big Escambia Creek at Louisville & Nashville Railroad bridge crossing. Approximately 0.5 miles upstream of AL/FL state line. (Escambia County) All species Do Not Eat Any (Mercury)

(Escambia County) All species, Do Not Eat Any (Mercury) Burnt Corn Creek, Burnt Corn Creek in the vicinity of US Hwy 31. (Escambia County) Channel catfish 1 meal/month (Mercury) Largemouth bass Spotted bass Do Not Eat

Any (Mercury)

Cedar Creek, Cedar Creek north of Dothan at US Hwy 431. (Houston County) Largemouth bass 2 meals/month (Mercury)

Chattahoochee River Chattahoochee River, vicinity of AL Hwy 84, Chattahoochee River mile 35.5. (Houston County) All species No restriction Near AL/FL state line. (Houston County) Largemouth bass Do Not Eat Any (Mercury) 4.2 miles upstream of the Bluff Creek access area, Bluff Creek/Chattahoochee River confluence. 2.0 miles downstream of the Ihagee Creek/Chattahoochee River confluence. (Russell County) Largemouth bass 1 meal/month (Mercury)

Cheneyhatchee Creek, Cheneyhatchee Creek embayment. (Barbour County) Largemouth bass Do Not Eat Any (Mercury) Choctawhatchee River Approximately 0.5 miles downstream of Little Choctawhatchee confluence, near State Hwy 92. (Dale County) Largemouth bass Spotted bass Do Not Eat Any (Mercury) Channel catfish

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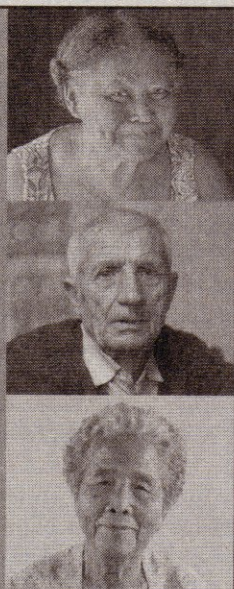
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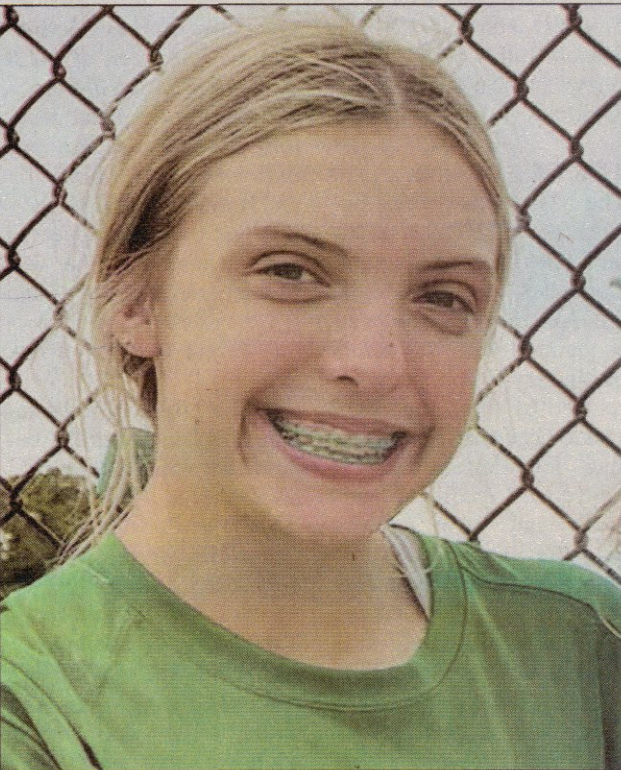


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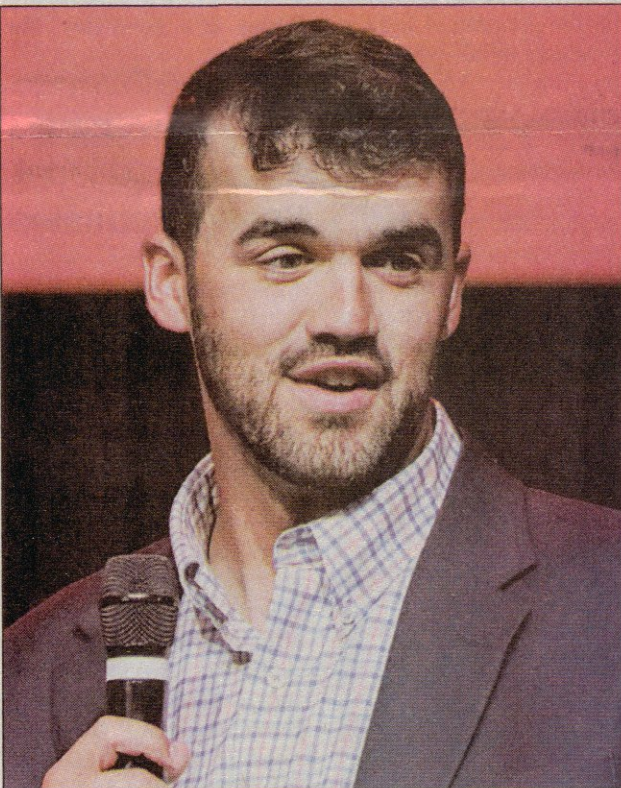
Area softball standouts dominate ASWA 2025 'All-State' selections



SYDNEY BOOTHE - 1ST TEAM CLASS 2A



ALEX GRIMES - 1ST TEAM CLASS 1A



ETHAN DEAL - 2A COACH OF YEAR

The Alabama Sports Writers Association released its 2025 high school 'All-State' softball selections last weekend with the Class 1A state champion Kinston Lady Bulldogs and the Class 2A Zion Chapel Lady Rebels both drawing top honors in their respective classifications.

Kinston was represented on the 1A team by 'Player of the Year' Allyx Williamson, "Pitcher of the Year" Lilli Sumblin and "Coach of the Year" Andy Norris, while Lauren Norris and Maddie Williamson both received second team honors, and Camdyn Norris received honorable mention.

Allyx Williamson, a sophomore, centerfielder, batted .571 during the season with 12 doubles, 6 triples and 3 home-runs. She had a .609 on-base-percentage, knocked in 47 runs, scored 65 runs, was successful on 22 of 22 stolen base attempts, drew 13 walks and struck out only 7 times in over 160 trips to the plate.

Lilli Sumblin, a junior, pitcher, recorded a 23-3 record during the season, with 3 saves, in 29 trips inside the circle. She posted a 1.62 earned run average and struck out 198 batters in 142 and one-thirds innings pitched.

Coach Norris guided a team that included no seniors to a 38-8 record and the 1A state championship, along with the area and South Region titles.

Lauren Norris, a junior, pitcher, recorded a 14-3 record during the championship season with a 1.89 earned run average, and struck out 134 batters in 85 innings pitching.

Maddie Williamson, a junior, infielder, batted .427 during the season with a .571 on-base-percentage. She drove in 35 runs, scored 51 runs, hit 12 doubles and 3 home-runs, was successful on 9 of 10 stolen base attempts, drew 18 walks, was hit by a pitch 7 times and struck out only 15 times all season.

Camdyn Norris, a junior, catcher, batted .396 during the season with 11 doubles and 1 home-run. She had a .475 on-base-percentage, knocked in 37 runs, scored 40 runs and was successful on 15 of 16 stolen base attempts.

Zion Chapel was represented on the 2A squad by 'Coach of the Year' Ethan Deal, along with first team pick Sydney Boothe and second team selection Riley Bannin.

Deal, who led the Lady Rebels to back-to-back state tournament appearances, guided this year's team to a 22-15 record and closed the historic season with 10 wins in its final 13 games. The state title was the school's first in any sport.

Sydney Boothe, a junior, pitcher, recorded a 10-9 record during the season with a 2.52 earned run average and struck out 101 batters in 100 innings inside the circle.

Riley Bannin, a senior,



KINSTON TRIO SWEEP 1A HONORS - The Kinston Lady Bulldogs won the Class 1A state softball championship this season and three members of the team were honored by the ASWA as the tops in the class. (Pictured above, l-r) Allyx Williamson - Player of the Year, Andy Norris - Coach of the Year and Lilli Sumblin - Pitcher of the Year. (Photo by David Munde)

pitcher, recorded an 11-6 record with a 2.09 earned run average and struck out 119 batters in 103 and two-thirds innings pitching.

Brantley was represented in the Class 1A All-State list by first team selection Alex Grimes, a sophomore, utility player, and honorable mention selection Marley Kay Kilcrease, a sophomore, infielder.

Alex Grimes, pitched 170 innings this season and recorded a 24-10 record. At the plate, she batted .446 with 45 hits, 35 runs batted, scored 50 runs and stole 50 bases.

Marley Kay Kilcrease batted .426 during the season with 47 hits, 38 runs batted in and 45 runs scored.

The 2025 All-State picks included two players that were named on the squad for the fifth time in Orange Beach's Ava Hodo and Pishah's Madeline Flammia, while a total of eleven players made the list for the fourth time, including Wicksburg's Ellie Cox.

Other area players included on the All-State list included:

Class 7A - (1st Team) Savannah Kendrick, sophomore, Dothan; (2nd Team) Lee Lott, senior, Enterprise; (Honorable Mention) Gracy Snell, senior, Enterprise; and, Jada Newman, sophomore, Dothan.

Class 6A - (Honorable Mention) Maddie Williams, senior, Rehobeth.

Class 5A - (1st Team) Emily Adams, junior, Houston Academy; Kalley Jackson, junior, Andalusia; (2nd Team) Taya Newton, junior, Andalusia; (Honorable Mention) Paige Welch, sophomore, Houston Academy;

and, Ava Allsup, senior, Headland. Emily Adams, of Houston Academy, was named the 5A 'Pitcher of the Year.'

Class 4A - (2nd Team) Jaidyn Ivey, senior, Opp; and, (Honorable Mention) Addison Moseley, senior, Opp.

Class 3A - (1st Team) Natalie Cole, senior, Wicksburg; Ellie Cox, junior, Wicksburg; Anleigh Wood, freshman, Wicksburg; (2nd Team) Chloe Joyner, junior, Wicksburg; and, (Honorable Mention) Tylaya Lingo, senior, Wicksburg. Natalie Cole, of Wicksburg was

The Kinston Knockouts 14U softball team competed at a tournament in Panama City, Florida, over the weekend and posted two wins and two losses in competition against teams from four states.

The Knockouts began tournament action against the Louisiana Blazers Elite and rallied from an early 7-0 deficit only to fall two runs short in a 10-8 loss. Madisyn Jones had 3 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Knockouts at the plate, while Adalyn Whigham and Emma Miranda both added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Aubrey Norris added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Adelyn Jarrell, Elin Everheart and Justi Creech combined to pitch five innings and allowed nine earned runs on nine hits and six walks, while striking out four.

The Knockouts bounced back in game two and used a nine-run second inning explosion to pull away and post a solid 14-7 win over the LA Thunderbolts, of Ashford. Kylee Jenkins had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Knockouts at the plate, while Adelyn Jarrell added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Madisyn Jones added 2 hits and scored 2 runs; and, Madi Phillips added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's. Ella Kate

named the 'Pitcher of the Year,' and Josh Cox, of Wicksburg, was named the 'Coach of the Year.'

Class 2A - (1st Team) Anna Claire Free, sophomore, G.W. Long; (2nd Team) Alissa Barron, senior, Pike Liberal Arts; (Honorable Mention) Addie Mae Hubbard, junior, Geneva County; Camryn Brown, sophomore, Pike Liberal Arts; and, Haylie Brown, senior, Pike Liberal Arts. Anna Claire Free, of G.W. Long, was named the 'Pitcher of the Year.'

Class 1A - (1st Team) Paige Musso, 8th grader, Florala.

Bowers and Madisyn Jones combined to pitch three innings and allowed five earned runs on six hits and six walks, while striking out two.

The Knockouts remained on a roll in game three as they rallied from a 10-6 second inning deficit to claim a wild 12-10 win over the Florida Bombers Gold. Ella Greene had 3 hits to lead the Knockouts at the plate, while Madisyn Jones added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 4 rbi's; Adalyn Whigham added 2 hits and 1 rbi; and, Madi Phillips added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi. Madisyn Jones, Justi Creech and Adelyn Jarrell combined to pitch four innings and allowed two earned runs on eight hits and two walks.

The Knockouts saw their tournament run hit a dead end as they watched a four-run fifth inning lead slip away in a 5-4 loss to the Mississippi Bombers Premier. Layla Carter had 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead the Knockouts at the plate, while Kylee Jenkins added 1 hit and 1 rbi, and Aubrey Norris and Emma Miranda both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Justi Creech and Adelyn Jarrell combined to pitch four and two-thirds innings and allowed no earned runs on eight hits and three walks, while striking out four.

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CHURCH NEWS



Vacation Bible School was held this week at Basin Baptist Church for youngsters ages Pre-K through 6th grade. The theme for this year's VBS was Wonder Junction "Marvel at Jesus, Live for His Glory" with a Wild West setting. Above, John Anderson poses with some of the VBS props during 'craft' time.

Homecoming at Chestnut Grove Methodist Church set for July 13th

Chestnut Grove at 10 a.m. Methodist Church invites Guest speaker will be all to the church's annual Max Copeland. Special Homecoming service set for music will be provided. Sunday, July 13, beginning Make plans to attend.

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VBS set for June 22nd thru 27th at Alberton Baptist Church in Kinston

Alberton Baptist Church, located at 3633 Hwy. 134, Kinston, Ala., will hold VBS from Sunday, June 22, through Friday, June 27th. Times will be 5 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. on June 22nd, and 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. on June 23rd – June 27th. There will be something for everyone, including an adult class taught by Will Jordan, pastor. All are welcome.

Students from New Brockton named to Dean's, President's lists at Alabama

A total of 14,289 students enrolled during spring semester 2025 at The University of Alabama were named to the Dean's list with an academic record of 3.5 (or above) or the President's list with an academic record of 4.0 (all A's). Local student(s) from New Brockton, Ala., include:
DEAN'S LIST
Allisyn Freeman, Andrew Broach, and Andrew Pasquarella
PRESIDENT'S LIST
Charlee Jones, Daven Cavanaugh, Rylan Askins, and Rachel Walker

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What does the Bible say about... Faith?

Article written by Douglas Williams



Ephesians 2:8-9 says, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; not works, lest any man should boast."

These verses show that salvation involves the wonderful grace of God. These verses also teach that faith is involved in our salvation! Hebrews 11:6 teaches the absolute necessity of faith where we read, "But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

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James writes, "Even so faith, if it has not works, is dead, being alone...ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only...For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also" (James 2:17, 24, 26).

These are only a few of the many times the Bible talks about faith. Faith is used in the sense of an individual's belief; and also when the word faith is preceded by a definite article it refers to the word of God, the gospel, the system of faith (1 Corinthians 16:13; Ephesians 4:13; and Jude 3).

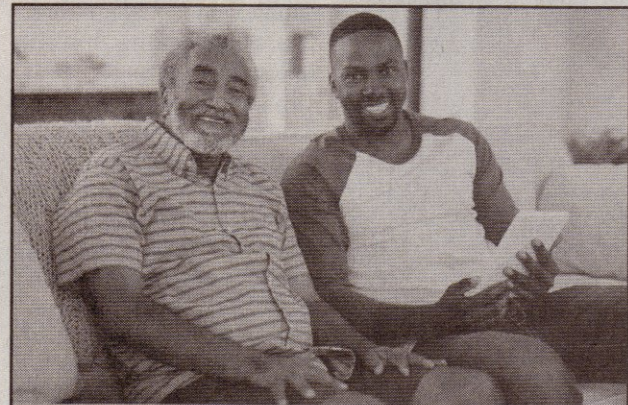
The Bible defines our belief in God and the teach-

ings of the Bible; a system of religious beliefs. It includes trust, loyalty, fidelity, allegiance, and conviction.

As the preceding verses show, a person is not saved by faith alone, but by an obedient faith. Hebrews chapter 11 tells of many Bible people that were saved by faith when they put their faith in practice by doing what God said.

The Bible teaches that one is saved by faith, repentance, confession, baptism, and by living a faithful Christian life (John 8:24; Luke 13:3; Matthew 10:32; 1 Peter 3:21; Revelation 2:10).

Romans 10:17 shows us that faith comes from our study and learning the word of God, and our prayer should always be "Lord, increase our faith" (Luke 17:5).



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Scripture: Matthew 21:13

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June Birthdays

Lafondra Thigpen 6/13
Theo Johnson 6/13
Richreana Singletary 6/13
Patti Williams Culver 6/14
Jasmaine Henderson 6/15
Rev. F.L. Flowers 6/15
Tytiana Carpenter 6/16
David Carpenter 6/17
Tracie D. Faison 6/17
Mason Gulley 6/18
Jerry Culver 6/19
Kendra Kyles 6/19

THE GREAT ONE

The Honeymooners became one of the most popular television "Situation Comedies" in the 1950s. All America became well acquainted with the antics of blustery Ralph Cramden (played by the rotund one, Jackie Gleason), his patient and long-suffering wife (played by Audrey Meadows), and their upstairs neighbor – a zany free spirit who worked in the sewers of Brooklyn (Art Carney) and his equally long-suffering wife (Joyce Randolph). Nearly every episode featured two famous lines by Gleason: "One of these days, Alice!" and "Baby, you're the greatest!" But the greatest, at least in Gleason's mind, was Gleason himself. Actors have egos and Gleason was no exception. He went on in show business to be billed as "The Great One." Jackie Gleason was the undisputed king of comedy at a time when black and white television ruled the night. History establishes that Jesus Christ was indeed the King of the Jews, the King of

Israel. More than that, the book of Revelation calls Jesus "King of Kings and Lord of Lords." All kings have egos, but Jesus had none. He did not have to bluster his way through life as did "The Great One". He did not have to climb up on the prow of a ship, as did Leonardo DiCaprio in Titanic and shout into the wind, "I'm the King of the World!" Was Jesus a king – the king? Oh yes, he was (and is) the king. But he lived like a servant. He was God, but he died a man. Part of his greatness is in his humility. -V.K.

Question/Answer Section Q/A for the week of 6-12-2025 - Fill in the blanks

(Q) During the meal Jesus told His disciples that one of them would __ him.
(A) Betray – Mark 14:18
(Q) The two who appeared with Jesus when he was transfigured were __ and __.
(A) Elijah/Moses – Mark 9:4
(Q) The afflicted boy's father cried out, "Lord, I believe; help thou mine __."
(A) Unbelief – Mark 9:24

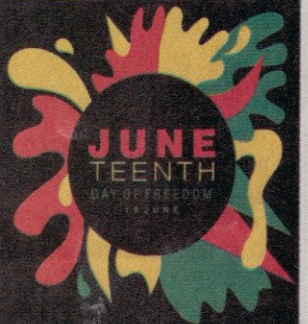
Questions for the week of 6-19-2025

Answer the questions – Use your concordance
(Q) What will our father's commandments and our mother's laws do for us while we sleep?
(Q) What will turn away wrath?
Today is a good day! Be Grateful!
Eria's Daughter, Sue

Troy University announces local Spring graduates

Troy University recognizes students who completed the requirements for graduation during the Spring Semester and Term 4 of the 2024-2025 academic year.

Local students who graduated include: Stetson Adcock, and Anice Thompson, both of Jack, Ala.; Jaden Boland, Ashley O'Neill, and Amy Johnson, all of New Brockton, Ala.; Chandler Box, Raegan Bragg, Melegha Burrows, Kate Hudson, Summer Love, Jalon Sullivan, and Lila Thompson, all of Elba, Ala.; and Cassie Varnum, Kinston, Ala.



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